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Production of cotton linters by United States oil mills totaled 48,000 running bale equivalents during May (four weeks), according to the Bureau of the Census. This was down from 60,000 bales produced in both May last year and two years ago. Shipments of cotton linters from oil mills totaled 46,000 bales in May, down from 61,000 last year and 56,000 in May 2001.

Consumption of cotton linters by domestic mills totaled 51,000 bales during May (four weeks). This was up from 45,000 bales consumed in May last year but down from 54,000 bales in May two years ago. In May, domestic bleachers used 50,000 bales, up from 44,000 used in May last year but down from 52,000 used two years ago. Consumers other than bleachers used 1,000 bales in May. This was the same number of bales used last year and two years ago.

Stocks of cotton linters totaled 172,000 bales at the end of May. This was down from 179,000 bales during the same period last year but up from 110,000 bales two years ago. Domestic bleachers held 155,000 bales at the end of May. This compares with 131,000 bales last year and 91,000 bales two years ago. Oil mill stocks totaled 15,000 bales at the end of May. End-of-May stocks held by consumers other than bleachers and in public storage were not reported by the Bureau of the Census.

Cottonseed receipts at oil mills at the end of May totaled 7,000 tons. Oil mills crushed 204,000 tons of cottonseed during May, compared with 233,000 in May the previous year and 217,000 two years ago. Oil mills had 666,000 tons of cottonseed on hand at the end of May and compares with 820,000 tons a year ago and 899,000 at the end of May 2001.

United States exports of raw cotton linters totaled 1,565 metric tons during May, compared to 4,894 tons last year and 2,518 two years ago.

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Table 1. Consumption of cotton linters by types of consumer, by months, United States, 1996-2002 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
	1,000 bales												
	Bleachers consumption												
1996	56	66*	41	56	56*	56	56	69*	61	59	68*	44	688
1997	55	75*	42	52	69*	61	62	85*	64	64	78*	56	763
1998	81	76*	55	63	66*	88*	65	72*	63	70	61*	56	816
1999	65	55*	69	69	72*	70	66	74*	67	67	76*	51	801
2000	46	62*	50	59	64*	52	58	73*	55	52	69*	52	692
2001	54	65*	56	51	60*	53	48	56*	44	44	69*	39	639
2002 2/	46	58*	45	43	54*	62*	48	56*	48	50			
	Consumption by other than bleachers												
1996	3	5*	3	3	3*	4	3	4*	3	4	4*	4	43
1997	4	4*	4	4	4*	4	3	4*	4	4	4*	3	46
1998	4	4*	3	3	3*	3*	3	4*	3	3	3*	3	39
1999	3	3*	3	3	3*	3	3	2*	3	2	2*	2	32
2000	2	3*	2	2	1*	1	1	2*	1	1	2*	1	19
2001	1	2*	1	1	1*	1	1	1*	1	1	1*	1	13
2002	1	1*	1	1	1*	1*	1	1*	1	1			
	Total consumption												
1996	60	70*	44	59	59*	59	59	73*	65	63	72*	48	731
1997	59	79*	45	56	73*	65	66	89*	68	68	81*	59	808
1998	85	80*	58	66	69*	91*	68	76*	67	73	64*	59	856
1999	68	58*	71	72	75*	73	69	77*	69	69	78*	53	832
2000	48	65*	52	61	66*	53	60	76*	57	54	71*	54	717
2001	55	67*	58	53	61*	55	50	58*	45	45	71*	40	658
2002	47	59*	46	44	55*	63*	49	57*	49	51			

1/ Reported in running bale equivalents. Consumption figures relate to four-week months except as noted.

* Five-week month. Sums by types of consumers may not equal the total because of rounding. 2/ Preliminary.

Table 2. Bleachers stocks of cotton linters, by months, United States, 1996-2002 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
	1,000 bales											
	Bleacher stocks											
1996	160	148	168	171	174	189	195	193	186	177	168	164
1997	151	120	128	134	136	151	156	151	158	152	149	153
1998	155	142	141	152	152	165	165	160	154	137	154	148
1999	130	120	119	123	128	116	110	105	94	90	76	72
2000	82	72	84	96	95	109	112	128	141	91	96	103
2001	105	96	95	116	139	139	136	133	137	131	135	138
2002	145	140	149	D	D	D	D	176	174	155		

1/ Stocks at the end of reporting period, in running bale equivalents.

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies.

Table 3. Oil mill production, shipments and stocks of cotton linters, by months,
United States, 1995-2002 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
	1,000 bales												
	Production												
1995	68	66	97	109	104	110	101	103	94	87	60	64	1,063
1996	63	61	88	94	95	103	94	96	86	90	72	73	1,015
1997	63	57	83	99	99	110	89	98	89	75	70	73	1,004
1998	60	49	69	69	75	76	69	78	53	45	45	38	725
1999	45	63	76	78	77	78	76	79	67	63	59	41	797
2000	45	41	69	69	62	70	60	62	46	60	61	47	692
2001	43	40	70	73	72	73	66	60	61	60	50	45	714
2002 2/	50	43	51	59	58	64	53	54	55	48			
	Shipments												
1995	79	65	92	104	98	103	95	95	85	92	60	72	1,041
1996	65	59	81	92	83	112	90	98	100	93	79	76	1,029
1997	66	65	93	72	103	109	77	96	84	74	80	88	1,007
1998	63	57	74	73	71	71	67	76	57	50	50	43	752
1999	43	59	86	80	79	72	77	79	69	65	66	36	811
2000	50	39	65	72	52	76	62	56	54	56	62	51	693
2001	43	34	60	76	61	68	60	51	75	61	45	81	716
2002 2/	49	47	54	53	58	67	54	47	58	46			
	Oil mill stocks												
1995	20	21	26	30	37	44	50	58	67	62	62	54	-
1996	52	54	62	65	76	67	70	68	54	51	43	40	-
1997	37	29	18	44	40	42	54	56	62	63	53	38	-
1998	34	26	22	17	21	26	28	30	26	21	16	10	-
1999	12	17	20	19	17	23	21	22	20	19	12	17	-
2000	9	11	15	13	23	17	16	21	14	18	11	13	-
2001	12	18	28	25	37	42	48	57	43	46	51	15	-
2002 2/	17	13	11	16	16	12	10	17	14	15			

1/ Reported in running bale equivalents. 2/ Preliminary.

Table 4. Oil mill production, shipments and stocks of cotton linters by types of cut
and by months, May 2002 - May 2003 1/

Month	Production				Shipments				Oil Mill Stocks			
	First cuts	Second cuts	Mill run	Total	First cuts	Second cuts	Mill run	Total	First cuts	Second cuts	Mill run	Total
	1,000 bales											
May 2002	(D)	39.4	(D)	59.6	(D)	38.9	(D)	61.3	(D)	27.7	10.5	46.4
June 2002	(D)	32.4	(D)	49.8	(D)	30.3	(D)	45.1	13.7	29.8	7.6	51.1
July 2002	(D)	29.8	(D)	44.7	(D)	54.0	(D)	80.5	5.1	5.7	4.5	15.2
Aug 2002	(D)	35.5	(D)	50.0	(D)	33.4	(D)	48.6	(D)	7.8	(D)	16.6
Sept. 2002	8.4	32.1	3.0	43.5	7.4	33.9	5.6	46.9	(D)	6.0	(D)	13.2
Oct. 2002	(D)	35.5	(D)	51.0	(D)	37.7	(D)	53.6	4.1	3.8	2.7	10.6
Nov. 2002	(D)	44.1	(D)	58.6	(D)	42.0	(D)	53.1	4.5	5.9	5.8	16.2
Dec. 2002	(D)	41.1	(D)	57.5	(D)	41.4	(D)	57.9	5.0	5.7	5.2	15.8
Jan. 2003	8.0	45.6	10.0	63.6	7.7	48.4	11.3	67.5	5.2	2.9	3.9	11.9
Feb. 2003	6.0	38.0	8.7	52.7	7.9	37.3	9.1	54.2	3.3	3.6	3.5	10.4
Mar. 2003	7.3	40.6	5.6	53.5	5	37.1	4.7	46.7	5.6	7.1	4.5	17.2
Apr. 2003	(D)	38.8	(D)	54.6	(D)	42.7	(D)	58.1	5.4	3.2	5.2	13.8
May. 2003	(D)	32.1	(D)	47.7	(D)	31.3	(D)	46.0	5.7	4.0	5.8	15.5

1/ Preliminary. Reported in running bale equivalents. The sum of types of cut may not equal the total because of rounding. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing individual oil mills.

Table 5. Receipts, crushings and stocks of cottonseed at oil mills, by months, United States, 1995-2002

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Season total
	1,000 tons												
	Receipts												
1995	9	518	1193	1300	596	96	66	34	83	-53	-1	9	3850
1996	97	335	1328	1085	673	225	117	62	43	-13	-32	-54	3866
1997	75	166	1244	1396	576	171	130	36	28	9	6	88	3925
1998	134	284	1040	667	373	100	44	18	2	-37	-55	-21	2549
1999	114	454	965	742	365	117	94	38	34	-1	-15	53	2959
2000	108	457	1046	675	452	135	37	-11	-59	-48	-22	-34	2735
2001	110	141	1009	980	395	138	21	-7	14	-35	-71	17	2712
2002 1/	89	176	759	702	435	206	64	12	11	7			
	Crushings												
1995	264	245	337	387	362	402	374	381	354	331	229	215	3,882
1996	229	225	332	355	353	381	363	362	334	351	281	294	3,860
1997	244	179	330	374	381	428	352	371	359	309	279	278	3,885
1998	246	175	273	254	263	282	260	280	205	172	160	149	2,719
1999	167	231	282	302	296	298	300	302	265	251	228	157	3,078
2000	171	142	264	245	242	284	257	251	175	217	231	188	2,665
2001	176	136	256	276	262	281	253	252	243	233	200	166	2,735
2002 1/	195	132	208	243	237	275	224	230	241	204			
	Stocks												
1995	293	566	1,422	2,335	2,569	2,263	1,955	1,608	1,336	952	723	517	-
1996	385	495	1,491	2,221	2,542	2,386	2,140	1,840	1,548	1,184	871	523	-
1997	353	340	1,254	2,276	2,471	2,213	1,991	1,656	1,325	1,025	752	563	-
1998	451	560	1,328	1,740	1,850	1,668	1,453	1,191	987	778	563	393	-
1999	340	563	1,247	1,686	1,755	1,574	1,368	1,104	872	621	378	274	-
2000	220	535	1,317	1,754	1,957	1,808	1,588	1,321	1,164	899	647	424	-
2001	353	358	1,111	1,819	1,951	1,807	1,574	1,315	1,087	820	549	400	-
2002 1/	294	337	882	1,342	1,539	1,472	1,311	1,093	863	666			

1/ Preliminary.

Table 6. All stocks of cotton linters, by months, United States, 1995-2002 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Season total
	1,000 bales												
1995	165	162	178	187	203	220	232	252	266	259	246	239	-
1996	219	207	236	241	255	260	269	265	243	232	214	213	-
1997	202	158	155	188	180	197	214	211	224	219	207	195	-
1998	193	172	166	172	175	193	195	193	156	160	171	160	-
1999	144	139	141	144	147	141	133	128	117	111	90	92	-
2000	94	85	101	110	121	127	129	150	156	110	108	110	-
2001	119	116	126	143	178	182	186	192	183	179	189	156	-
2002 2/	163	156	162	172	(D)	(D)	185	195	189	172			

1/ Reported in running bale equivalents. 2/ Preliminary.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing individual oil mills.

Source: Tables 1 through 6, Bureau of the Census.

Table 7. U.S. Exports of raw cotton linter fiber, by months, 1995-2002

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Season total 1/
	Metric tons 2/												
1995	7,112	4,266	2,897	6,016	6,434	10,695	3,513	2,733	7,004	7,524	3,252	1,539	62,985
1996	2,836	3,826	2,999	6,397	5,808	8,329	4,918	7,953	11,741	7,660	6,593	8,529	77,589
1997	2,785	6,212	5,076	5,786	7,159	4,650	3,884	1,963	4,695	2,094	3,756	4,736	52,796
1998	1,129	3,577	2,913	1,702	1,917	2,955	3,174	2,066	2,834	2,598	1,512	2,979	29,356
1999	4,867	2,057	4,695	6,593	4,949	3,462	7,695	5,888	3,908	4,726	2,866	6,382	58,088
2000	4,271	2,342	2,915	4,185	4,572	3,484	3,055	3,864	2,518	592	959	1,603	34,360
2001	1,689	782	585	2,108	2,111	1,576	4,963	4,983	4,894	3,547	2,737	3,729	33,704
2002	2,507	2,274	2,615	1,403	1,138	940	1,911	1,534	1,565				

1/ The sum of monthly figures may not equal the season total due to rounding. 2/ 1 metric ton = U.S. equivalent 2,204.6 pounds.

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census report EM545.